

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0048**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO
MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OIL AND GAS
REGIONAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill 4 (Chapter 313, Statutes of 2013, including Water Code section 10783), signed by the Governor on September 20, 2013, requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to establish and implement a comprehensive regulatory groundwater monitoring and oversight program for well stimulation treatment activities in areas of oil and gas operations.
2. Water Code section 10783, subdivision (c), required the State Water Board to develop model criteria for groundwater monitoring in order to assess the potential effects of well stimulation treatment activities on the state's groundwater resources which includes a regional groundwater monitoring program (regional monitoring program).
3. The State Water Board adopted the Model Criteria for Groundwater Monitoring in Areas of Oil and Gas Well Stimulation on July 7, 2015, and began implementation of the regional monitoring program on January 1, 2016.
4. Expenditure authority for Oil and Gas Monitoring Program contracts included in the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget is \$7,400,000, and expected to be no more than \$7,400,000 annually thereafter, from the Oil, Gas and Geothermal Administrative Fund.
5. These funds will be used annually to continue to implement the regional monitoring program for the next four years (though fiscal year 2019-2020) through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey in contract agreements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into multi-year contracts and any amendments thereto upon passage of the fiscal year budgets, not to exceed \$7,400,000 for each of the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 fiscal years, to continue implementation of the regional monitoring program.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 7, 2016.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus
Board Member Tam M. Doduc

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board